

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Leave us be gay.  
No matter what the weather may be as you read this, we have had some lovely days the past week.

Spring birds are returning--Sunday we heard a pair of redbirds (cardinals) calling their spring song (well, half of it, anyhow) to each other from somewhere on my place to somewhere on Mr. Noe's, across the road.

The cardinals do not give with their unique spring calls until they feel it's nearly time for nesting.

So--take heart. The birds say it's an early spring, and we do hope they're right.

(Of course, we've seen Aprils and Mays, too, when we had two feet of snow on the ground and had to feed the spring birds, all of which had come back to Michigan.)

But, maybe this year the birds know what they're doing. Robins are coming back, blackbirds, the real ones, not grackles and starlings, are back, and some other feathered families are winging home.

Now, if we can just get canning-jar lids.....

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### BILL LOUISELL DEFENDS HIS CHECKER CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN COUNTY PLAYOFFS

Bill Louisell is busy nowadays defending his 1974 Grand Championship title in checker playing throughout Isabella County, in all divisions.

The official play began last Friday and will continue until April 26 as part of the Maple Syrup Festival at Shepherd.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest may sign up at Bud's Party Store in Weidman. Games also may be played there.

Play is now in progress, with playoffs scheduled for April 11.

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The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Benn Johnson home Friday, for a chimney fire. There was no damage reported.



CANDIDATES FOR KING AND QUEEN AT SCHOOL CARNIVAL  
Are shown above. Top, right, Brenda Den Hartigh and Curt Portenga, for the Fifth Grade. Bottom: Dawn Dutcher and Joe Geroux, for the Fourth Grade.



OTHER CANDIDATES FOR CARNIVAL HONORS--Are shown above. Top row, Michelle Bellinger and Troy Spence, for the Third Grade; second row, Michele Brewer and Stephen Fiorillo, for the Second Grade; third row, Mike Lynch and Chris Herman, for the First Grade; and (lower row) Amy Huffman for the Kindergarten. King Candidate Jeff Ash is not in the picture.

The annual Spring Carnival sponsored by the Weidman Mothers Club is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, from 6 to 8.30 p. m., in the Weidman School.

The public is cordially invited out for an evening of fun with the kids.

There will be balloons galore,

games, 15-minute-interval raffles for various prizes; a bicycle will be given away; and a \$50 grocery certificate will be one of the prizes, along with a \$25 gift certificate from the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy.

Plan to spend a couple of hours at the Weidman School April 12.

### CORRECTION

We hastily apologize to Howard Rowe for misquoting him in last week's Messenger anent fishing for suckers on Isabella County lakes and streams.

Seems that there ARE several trout streams in the county, and you cannot fish on them till the season opens.

However, the Chippewa River is open to all kinds of fishing, including early-fishing for suckers, including the choice spots near the Thompson bridge on the Airline Road and just below the Horr Store; and also the Chippewa River from Lake Isabella up to the Pennington dam, which usually is alive with suckers in early spring.

The Chippewa and Coldwater Rivers are the only streams in this area classified non-trout, or unrestricted fishing for the "rough" fish of early spring.

Mr. Rowe suggests that fishermen call him for further information if they have any doubts as to any stream or lake being open.

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### EASTER PARTY AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Children ages 2 to 10 are invited to an Easter party at the Food Services Building, Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison, from 2 to 3.30 p. m. March 22, sponsored by Mid Michigan Singles Club.

All children are asked to take along an adult.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

A line to let you know I would like to have the paper sent to our Lansing address again.

Will be leaving Texas Monday, Feb. 10.

Have enjoyed the paper very much this winter.

It has been a very different winter here, with not one flake of snow. But will be glad to get back to Michigan. Three and a half months without seeing home or children and grandchildren is long enough.

Lee A. Parks  
Lansing  
(From Port Aransas, Tex.)

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Fiorillo and family spent the weekend at Lakes of the North, near Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy have moved into their new house. They were guests of his mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Casner and Mrs. Luella Davis, of Lansing, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson visited Mrs. Richard Larson and family of Birch Run Monday.

Mrs. Cleo Oligney has been staying for the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius, her son-in-law and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday, when Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaucher and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaucher took their parents to dinner at Frankenmuth.

Mrs. Betty Worix called on her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and Barbara and Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood and family of Greenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder, her grandparents, Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Ehler and children of Shepherd called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold Sunday.

Miss Karen Rhode and her mother, Mrs. Mildred Rhode, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Betty Elliott and attended the opening of the new addition at Elliott's Greenhouse in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley and children of Gregory were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and Doug and Harrison of Wheeler were weekend guests of Blanche Carr. We attended the Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr on their 30th wedding anniversary Saturday, at Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Chris were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loubert and family of Midland called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swan and children were Sunday guests of the Lloyd Swans of Drayton Plains.

Mrs. Ruby Combs of Lansing was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Ella Cox, for two days last week.

Paul and Vida Lueder called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Saturday evening.

The Elton and Olen Buntings and the Dalton Rayborns of Belding, the John and Miles Buntings and Mrs. Lucille Bollman of Mt. Pleasant all visited their father, Oral Bunting, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Lovica Krueger. They were Friday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Local Items

Mrs. Ruth Pitts of Mt. Pleasant and her sister, Mrs. Lena Rathburn, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Pitts, of Manchester, Mich., were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Grace Pitts.

Mrs. Peggy McClain and Leola Smith of Barryton were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed of Marine City were Sunday guests. Wilbur Reinert and Lucille Smith were also dinner guests, and spent the day with Mrs. Scharrer.

Mrs. Harland Snider spent last week in Mt. Clemens with her sons, Paul and Carl, and Carl's wife. Both are playing six nights a week at the Bella Vista Lounge there.

Mrs. Bessie Teall entered CMC Hospital last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague visited her Sunday.

Mrs. Coralee Thorp of Buena Vista, Colorado, was expected this week to visit her mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Amice Orser of Mt. Pleasant took Emma Middlesworth to Barryton Sunday, where they spent the afternoon with Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo Alkofer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Orton of rural Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and son, Kenneth, of Big Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Friday evening with Lloy Sperry, in the hospital.

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Feb. 13t7

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Mar. 20t1p

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- Mar. 20t1

## Card of Thanks

This is to express my sincere  
thanks for all the acts of kind-  
ness, the prayers and flowers,  
for the cards for my well-being  
and my birthday.

None is as rich as I, with my  
family and so many friends.  
Rosemary Cassidy

### NEWS NOTES

Sally Glenn of Lapeer spent Sat-  
urday with her sister, Mrs. Mary  
McArthur, and family.

Colleen Bywater of Midland  
called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater  
Sunday afternoon, and took her  
out for a ride.

### BETTER THAN A LETTER

### SETTLEMENT DAY

## Notice

### ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given that the  
ANNUAL MEETING of the Town-  
ship Board of the Township below  
named will be held at the  
SHERMAN TOWNSHIP HALL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1975  
(Second Tuesday Preceding Annu-  
al Township Meeting.)

At 8:00 O'Clock P. M.  
For the purpose of making the  
annual settlement. All persons  
having claims against said Town-  
ship are hereby notified to pre-  
sent the same to the undersigned  
on or before above named date.

TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN,  
County of Isabella, State of  
Michigan.

KEITH LOOMIS  
Township Clerk

### ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the ANNUAL MEETING of  
the Township Board of the Town-  
ship below named will be held  
at the

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP HALL  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975  
at 1 o'clock p. m.

For the purpose of making the  
annual settlement. All persons  
having claims against said Town-  
ship are hereby notified to pre-  
sent the same to the undersigned  
on or before above named date  
TOWNSHIP OF NOTTAWA  
County of Isabella, State of  
Michigan.

BERNARD RAU  
Township Clerk

### ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the ANNUAL MEETING of  
the Township Board of the Town-  
ship below named will be held  
at the Coldwater Township Hall  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975,  
at 1 o'clock p. m.

For the purpose of making the  
annual settlement. All persons  
having claims against said Town-  
ship are hereby notified to pre-  
sent the same to the undersigned  
on or before above named date.  
TOWNSHIP OF COLDWATER,  
County of Isabella, State of  
Michigan.

NORMAN GEASLER  
Township Clerk

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Chester English  
of Ithaca were last Monday eve-  
ning dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
Bernard Pitts. Mr. English is a  
realtor friend of Bernard's.

Loretta and Clarence Lorenz  
spent Sunday with Edna Bowein.

## Obituary

### MRS. EDITH JACKSON

Mrs. Edith Jackson died March  
16 in Branch County. She was  
78 years old.

She was born March 10, 1897,  
in Farwell, and was a Weidman  
area resident for many years.  
Her husband, Guy Jackson, pre-  
ceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on  
Wednesday, March 19, at 1 p.  
m. at the Crittenden Funeral  
Home in Remus. Burial was in  
the Gilmore Cemetery.

She is survived by two sons,  
Gerald of Sanford and Wendell  
of Mt. Pleasant; three daughters,  
Mrs. Elva Smitt of Zilwaukee,  
Mrs. Wilma Bognor of Branch,  
and Mrs. Gerald Maeder (Floris)  
of Weidman; and a sister, Mrs.  
Grace Jackson, of Mt. Pleasant,  
15 grandchildren and 19 great-  
grandchildren.

Her family have the sympathy  
of the community.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith  
returned last week after a four-  
weeks' stay in Ruskin, Florida.  
They visited with Carl and  
Daisy Embrey, and went to Fort  
Myers and had lunch with Walt  
and Marie Smith. They visited  
the Fey Johnson family at Punta  
Gorda, on their way. They also  
visited with Laura Latham and  
Al Woodbury. They called on  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maeder at  
New Port Richie, and spent a  
few days with her brother and  
wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Har-  
rington at Frostproof, Florida,  
and then came home.

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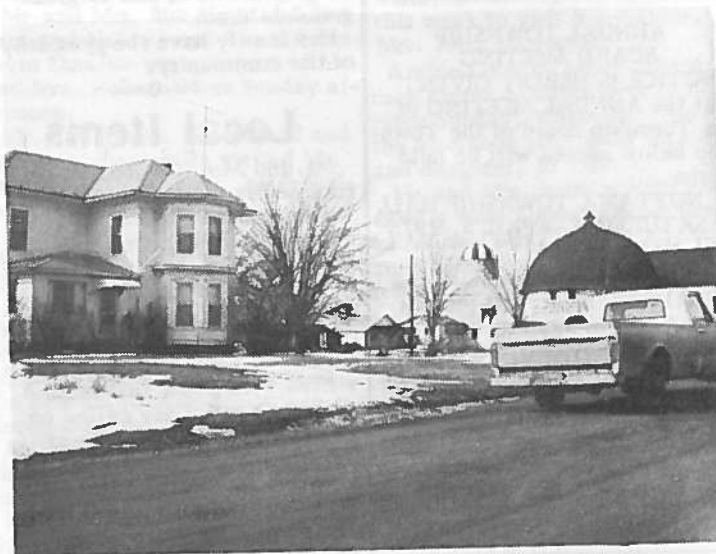
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**A REMINDER OF VANDECAR TOWN--**This ancient building is all the visible remains of the once-promising town of Vandecar, four miles east of Weidman on Weidman Road and Vandecar Road. Messenger photo



**A VIEW OF THE EAST SIDE--**Of the old rooming-house building of the once-promising town of Vandecar. Its cut-stone foundation is as solid today as the day it was laid down. Now it is used as a rental unit for transient families. They built well, in the old days. Messenger photo



**ACROSS THE ROAD, TO THE NORTH--**Is the beautiful dairy farm of Joseph Stevens and his son, Richard, once the home of William Mills and wife, who also built commercial businesses for the town of Vandecar. The Stevens family have kept the round barn that William Mills built (and was then the eighth wonder of the local world) more as an historical relic than part of their very modern dairying operation. The Stevens herd is one of the top-ranked Holstein herds in this part of the state. Messenger photo

**A HISTORY OF VANDECAR TOWN**

By Anthony Vogel

Where Weidman Road and Vandecar Roads cross in Nottawa Township is the historic site of Vandecar Town Corner, which, over 100 years ago, was one of Central Michigan's pioneer towns.

Inasmuch as a man of 88 years, back in 1968, by the name of Peter Schafer, who lived just a quarter of a mile south of the town, as a boy, and grew up there, in a log house south of the present standing building, furnished the following history of the Vandecar Town to a nephew of his, namely Anthony Vogel, here are my recollections of his account:

The following describes who and what each building served, and owner of what business, and where located.

At this time, one of the original buildings, located on the southwest corner, still stands, and was built by Wallace Vandecar and his brother, Evan, for a rooming house. They hoped to establish a town there as settlers came to Nottawa Township.

On the northeast corner, a general store, boarding and rooming house was built by Evan Vandecar.

On the northwest corner, William Mills put up a building consisting of a general store and post-office.

On the southeast corner, a blacksmith shop and wagon shop was built by George McNeil. Just east of the shops, a school was built by the local settlers.

Other buildings of the new town were a house and sawmill built by John Graham on the southwest 40 acres of Wallace Vandecar's. Also on the same corner, a Methodist church stood facing the now Weidman Road.

Over on the northeast corner, John Graham put up a building

and installed machinery to mill barrel staves.

Also, a few rods east of Evan Vandecar's general store, a livery stable was built by Evan Vandecar.

Wallace Vandecar also built a dance hall just south of his rooming house.

Vandecar Town was older than Beal City. John Pung and wife had their home just west of where Beal City now stands, and they were one of the oldest settler-couples in Nottawa. Mrs. Pung, I've been told by my uncle, used to walk to Vandecar to trade eggs for groceries.

Later in the years, Henry Stevens bought the William Mills property, and it has remained in the Stevens family and prospered and grown as a dairy enterprise. A fire destroyed many of the original buildings, back in the old days, including the general-store building put up by William Mills.

All of the now surrounding farm homes and lands were once part of Vandecar Town.

Steve Schumacher, then a young man of 17 or 18 years, carried the mail on horseback from Mt. Pleasant to Whiteville, to Vandecar, to Wood's Store in Gilmore, and on to Farwell.

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**S. W. Sherman**  
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Jim Dutcher was a Sunday caller of ours.

Callers of the Ervin Dutchers and Steve and Sandra during the week were Tam Methmer and George Woodin on Monday; the Brian Dutchers and Bob and Nancy Hogg were recent visitors.

Brian and Linda Dutcher went down near Lansing Saturday night. Chad stayed with his grandparents. Patti Losey visited Saturday and Sunday, and the girls enjoyed riding.

**BETTER THAN A LETTER**



State Wide Real Estate of Midland, Inc., is expanding operations into the Mt. Pleasant-Weidman area. Call collect and ask for Ellie Pontious or Vickie Metcalf Bauer--687-5566, 687-5262 or 687-5631, for more information on listing your property.



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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Sandy Schafer and son, Frankie, spent Friday afternoon with Tillie Schafer. Mrs. Schafer spent Sunday with the Gerry Schafers. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and Jeff Schafer spent Tuesday evening with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Helen Simmer is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Ron Schafer is in the hospital.

Louise Smith went with Doll

Rau Wednesday evening to the K. C. Hall to quilt for the coming Centennial celebration. There were 12 ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora Saturday afternoon.

Ken and Emmaline Vogel had their son baptized, as Ted Andrew Vogel.

Leo Pung and Martha Gross called on Jack Schafer Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckie Smith and family of Lansing spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Straus are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pasch are the also proud parents of a girl.

Mrs. Louis Rau is home from the hospital.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stih and Mrs. Mildred Jacqueline of Lake City called on Mrs. Louise Smith Sunday afternoon.

Dora Smith took care of the Herman Krensreiter children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung had their baby girl baptized Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross called on Jack Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zeien entertained company Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Jack Schafer is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean of Chicago spent a few days with relatives and friends here. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith Saturday.

Mrs. Monica Grinzinger hosted a baby shower for Mrs. Gerald

Faber, Jr., Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krensreiter spent Sunday in Lansing.

Miss Anna Krensreiter spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Sue Zeien and Jane Faber.

Mrs. Julius Bierschbach is home from the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

The wedding of Karen Simmer and Randy Amon will take place Friday, March 21, in St. Joseph the Worker Church here.

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## NEWS NOTES

Jeannie (McArthur) Beutler was looking over an old school paper Sunday, at the home of her parents, the Gene McArthurs, and came across the following advertisements: At the barber shop, shave 20¢, haircut 35¢, both for 50¢. Sugar was 39¢ for five pounds. Oleo (uncolored, in those days), was 10¢ a pound.



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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Mrs. Barbara North and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family spent Sunday with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller took Mrs. Helen Geasler Thursday and called on Mrs. Ethel McLean at Big Rapids.

Earl Oplinger and Tom Bollman spent the weekend at Rapid River in the Upper Peninsula, bob-cat hunting.

Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare and Mrs. Claribel Miller of Rosebush were Saturday afternoon guests of their sister, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vogel in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey called at the Gerald Loseys' Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Saturday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home. Harold Losey was a Sunday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow and Angela were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Tuesday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. The Bergquists had just returned home from a seven-weeks vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent returned home Sunday from a seven-weeks vacation in Florida. They visited several places, and Mabel says it was nice to get out of the cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family visited the Richard Yunc-kers Sunday afternoon, and had lunch with them.

**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Powell of Saginaw and sister, Verna Moore, called on Joe La Londe Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers of Lansing, Fern Verette, Janet Beers, Eathel Beers and Eunice La Londe were dinner guests Sunday of Echo Godwin and boys, in honor of Nick Godwin's birthday.

Ruth Teeter and family of Clare and Mrs. Edna Teeter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended the fish supper at Clare Friday evening, at the Oddfellows Hall.

Violet Wright and I were in Millbrook Saturday.

Jimmy Baler was reported as coming along satisfactorily, after surgery in the Clare Hospital last week.

I received word Sunday of the death of Frank Fields, son of the late Herb and Sadie Fields. He was the youngest son. He passed away in Lykens, Pa., after a lengthy illness.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Beulah Wixson took Mrs. Mabel Bearse to Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday to see her doctor.

Yours Truly spent last week in CMC Hospital, trying to get patched up.

Paul Cole, who is keeping a watchful eye on the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck on Grass Lake Road north of Littlefield Lake, found that vandals had smashed the windows and doors, and stolen the heating stove. Paul is getting tired of this, and there might be some surprises awaiting the culprits the next time. This is the third time they have put in new windows and

doors after vandals have smashed them out.

Mrs. Julius Allbee and Mrs. Hilda Sampson, and Mrs. Ethel Bolis, Mrs. Coranna Shaner and Mrs. Iva Blodgett plan to leave on a trip to Florida March 20. Have fun, ladies!

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, called on her brother-in-law, Paul Cole, and nieces Velma Cole and Laura Ewing, Thursday.

Laura Ewing of Vassar spent the week with her grandpa Cole, caring for Aunt Velma while Grandma was in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfarnes spent several days last week near Houghton Lake with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walters.

Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton Warner and children of Marion spent Saturday with us, her old neighbors. Eleanor tells us of a couple who attempted to steal two of their lovely steers. They got away with one, and they had to kill the other, as they had made several attempts to kill it with a .22 rifle but were unsuccessful. They were arrested on two separate warrants, which is some consolation.

Those visiting the Paul Coles over the weekend were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and son, Dick, of South Bend, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell and Johnny, also of South Bend, and Pvt. 1st Class Charles Mossell and Mrs. Mossell, and Shannon, of Fort Knox, Ky.

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**S. W. Sherman**  
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald returned home Saturday evening after spending a three weeks' trip in Florida, and visiting friends in

Indiana, Georgia and Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin visited them Sunday evening.

The Robert Dutchers visited the Jim Dutchers Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited Clara Smith at the Lakeview Hospital Sunday afternoon. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines on their way home.

Claribel and Marion Beutler and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended Busy Bees at the home of Betty Thompson Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Dodge and sons of Grand Rapids visited the Ervin Dutchers Saturday afternoon.

Mary Beutler and children were in St. Louis Sunday, visiting their aunt, Ruth Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti took a drive Sunday. They stopped and visited the Bob and Ivan Hineses.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher had Sunday supper and spent the evening with the Dale Dutchers of east Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family helped their father, Harry, celebrate his birthday Saturday evening.

Our visitors during the week were Garry, Bonnie and Kaye Dutcher, Robert, Julia, Rex and Dawn Dutcher, Richard and Patti Dutcher, and Jim, Betty, Kim, Shelly and Mike Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler entertained the Farm Bureau Group at their home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland had Sunday supper with the Robert Dutcher family.

The Robert Dutchers called on Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood Sunday evening.

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## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosser of Evart were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paterson of Marion were Sunday dinner guests.

We were last Tuesday evening callers of Dad and Mother Loomis, wishing Dad a Happy Birthday. Virgil Loomis and Barb, Becky and Thelma Leiter were also callers. Other callers during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loomis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson. They were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis at Kalkaska.

Happy Birthday also to Thelma Leiter, who celebrated her birthday on Saturday, the 15th. Their dinner guests that day were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter, Kay Stebelton and daughter, Renee, of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son. We were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Houghton and boys were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. Leo Bick was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga spent the weekend with Gary's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga, at Conklin. They also visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley, at White Cloud. Dolores visited her grandmother, Mrs. Eva Gray, in Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday afternoon, and they both called on Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell.

Last Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowman of Big Rapids. Mrs. Schrock and boys were Sunday callers of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Pick and daughter, Lou Ann Leiter, and his son, Jack Goodrich, of Lansing, were Saturday visitors of Frank Goodrich and wife. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and two daughters of Big Rapids, who spent the day with them.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

We attended a luncheon at the Wayside Motel in Clare Sunday afternoon honoring Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sowle (Becky Graham) of Clare, who were married Friday. Wanda and Debbie Graham also attended.

Albert Gott of Winn called on us Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell called Sunday evening.

I visited an old neighbor, Katherin Colosky, at CMC Hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and son, Robert, flew to Florida last Wednesday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott.

Mrs. Carol Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and daughter, Pennie, called on Lois Knollenberg and boys Saturday evening.

Mrs. Zena Olger and Mrs. Hattie Van Warmer were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughner are vacationing in Hawaii.

Zena Olger and Myrtle Decker called on their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee. Myrtle's daughter and husband took them to visit Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Van Warmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray of Sterling called at the Don Alwood home Saturday.

Mrs. Elvah Gott, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended special Lenten services at the Methodist Church in Weidman Thursday

evening. Pastor Marvin Eldridge was the speaker.

Cathy Alwood enjoyed luncheon at the Embers in Mt. Pleasant with her Sixth Grade Class last Friday.

Mrs. Norman Abbott and daughter, Judy, and Dale Maeder and three children visited Paula at the Midland Hospital Sunday. It was the first time Paula had seen her children since the car accident, and she rested easier afterward. She is expected to remain in traction several weeks for treatment of a fractured pelvis and internal injuries.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. Fonda Alwood and Heather spent Thursday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant. Fonda had a doctor's appointment.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel, Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston have been on a trip to Kentucky, picking up Mrs. Robert Tibbetts of East Lansing at the start of the journey. They left last Friday on a five-day trip to the beautiful Cumberland Gap country, where Mark Johnston and his wife are teachers at Redbird River. The party returned home to Michigan this Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crosby and his mother, of Edenville, were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams of Midland and family spent all day Saturday with the Phillipses.

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GARY AND MARY McARTHUR AND VIRGINIA HERMAN--Display an artist's rendering of the Mt. Pleasant Central Michigan Community Hospital, showing the proposed three-story, 30-bed wing. Construction of the building, which will begin in June, will bring total bed capacity to 145.

Six Weidman couples have joined Chairman Mitch McArthur's local campaign for Central Michigan Community Hospital's expansion drive.

Lou and Justine Fiorillo, owners of Weidman Rexall Pharmacy; Gary and Ruth Ann Gatehouse, owners of Gary Gatehouse Logging; Bernard and Yvonne Pitts, owners of McArthur Insurance Agency and Pitts Real Estate; and Gary and Mary McArthur, all are currently contacting area residents.

Gary McArthur is branch manager of the Weidman Branch of Isabella Bank and Trust.

Also Clayton Beutler, of the Union Oil Company of California, and his wife, Fern, of the Chippewa Hills School District, and Weidman Postmaster Harry Herman and his wife, Virginia, teacher in the Chippewa Hills School District, are working in the campaign.

These volunteers are soliciting funds for the proposed expansion and renovation program at the hospital. Of the total six and a half million dollars cost, one million is being sought from residents of the hospital's tri-county service area. The drive has netted far over \$750,000 from Mt. Pleasant residents in nine weeks of campaigning.

Solicitation is continuing in Mt. Pleasant, while campaigning is also well under way in nine towns in the hospital's service

area. They include Farwell, Winn, Shepherd, Blanchard, Rosebush, Remus, Weidman, Beal City, and Barryton.

Mitchell McArthur, chairman of the drive for this area, reported this week that more than \$3,500 had been pledged as of last Thursday night. Volunteer solicitors and helpers will make their final reports to Mitch on March 25.

There is no doorbell-ringing in this campaign, Mitch pointed out. Anyone wishing to make a contribution, large or small, may call Mitch at 644-3454, or mail it to him at the bank. Receipts will be sent out for income-tax references for donors.

Mitch says we look good for a small community, and he expects the final amount to be around the \$6,000 mark.

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#### MARRIED

Miss Becky Graham, daughter of Mrs. Wanda Graham of Weidman and the late Meryl Graham, became the bride of Gail Sowle, Jr., son of the Gail Sowles of Clare, in a ceremony at the Congregational Church in Clare Friday, March 14, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Becky spent all of her school life in the Weidman and Chippewa Hills schools, graduating from the Chippewa Hills High School. She is employed at the

Moose Club in Clare.

Her husband graduated from the Clare High School and is employed at Western Auto in Clare.

The young couple are making their home at 305 West Fifth St., in Clare.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Teeter and two boys of Alma spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Emily Wood. Guy Thompson of Manton was a visitor. Gerald and Mabel Dent and Mrs. Flora Wood were Monday visitors. Mabel and Jerry were just back from seven weeks in Florida.

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